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NAN-CHING ECONOMIZES;VEGETABLE OIL PROSPECTS IMPROVE

INSTITUTES ECONOMY MOVEMENT -- Hua Shang Pao, 27 Jul 49

Nan-ching, 25 July 1949 (NCNA) -- Various organizations, factories, and schools in Nan-ching are now vigorously engaged in a movement to conserve electricity, water, food, paper, etc. At the same time they are cutting down on manpower by selecting only the best personnel. Conservation of electricity is carried out by using smaller light bulbs, eliminating the use of electric heaters, stoves and fans, and reducing the usage of electricity to have necessity. The People's Banks and the Water Bureau are either discontinuing the use of envelopes entirely or substituting ones made of less expensive materials, thereby trying to conserve paper. In various factories, especially machine shops and repair shops, used oil is saved to be used again.

VEGETABLE OILS MORE ABUNDANT -- Wen-hui Pao, 27 Jul 49

As a result of the increase in agricultural production in North China, particularly in cotton and peanuts, prospects have improved for an abundance of vegetable oils for the factories of T'ien-ching.

T'ien-ching has seven large modern oil refineries, of which only one or two are in operation at present. In addition to these there are about 30 smaller nonmodernized plants.

North China's important sources of vegetable oil are cotton seeds, peanuts, hemp seeds, walnuts, soy beans and apricot seeds.

Cotton acreage in North China fell from 18 million mou (6 mou equal one acre) in 1936 to 7,740,000 mou in 1948. The government plans to plant 12 million mou in cotton in 1949. Chief centers of cotton production in North China are Shun-te, Han-tan, Shin-men Chang-te, Hsin-hsiang, Ming-ching, Te-chou, and Kuei-te (Shang-chiu).

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Peanuts are grown throughout the area. Sandy areas not suitable for other crops bear peanuts well. The authorities have called for increased quality and production for 1949.

Henp oil (sesame oil) is the most expensive of the vegetable oils. It is grown most extensively around Chang-chia-k'ou (Kalgan) in Shansi. It is used throughout the country for making China's best printer's ink.

Castor oil culture will be encouraged in North China for lubrication purposes.

Factories should be opened under government operation to manufacture oil machinery. A number of privately operated factories have been in operation, but they produce only old types of machinery, dangerous because of exposed gears. New German Krupp-model machines should be manufactured and a plentiful supply of parts assured.

In the past, little attention was given to special skills in the oil business, but in the future training centers should be established and only the most skilled men employed. Care should be exercised also in selection of raw materials.

Labor organizations should take the lead in developing training centers for workers to increase their efficiency, so that with small amounts of capital and labor, and in the shortest possible time, the new China can produce a sufficient quantity of high-quality products.

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